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Many thanks for arranging for me to receive a copy of AMERICAN POLITICS IN A REVOLUTIONARY WORLD. I look forward to receiving it.

Faithfully,

[Signature]

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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CHESTER BOWLES
ESSEX, CONNECTICUT

July 9, 1956

Dear Allen:

Thank you for your note. I shall look forward to talking with you the next time I am in Washington, which may not be until early September. Mrs. Bowles is in the long, slow process of recovering from a brain tumor operation and I am planning to spend as much time as I can with her in North Haven, Maine, between now and September.

However, there is a good chance that I shall be in Washington either just before or just after the Democratic National Convention. If so, I shall let you know in the hope that you may be in town at that time.

We will agree, I am sure, that our ability to conduct an effective foreign policy during this trying period is closely related to the political situation. I believe that the only way we can come through successfully is by some kind of an active bi-partisanship based on a coalition of the two political parties.

Such a coalition cannot be assured merely by consultation as the last two or three years have demonstrated. It must also involve the participation by respected members of both parties in the creation of policy and its administration, and a corresponding share in the responsibility for interpreting it within each party and to the general public. I earnestly hope that whoever wins the election this fall will approach the making of foreign policy on this basis.

I have asked the Harvard University Press to send you a copy of a little book, AMERICAN POLITICS IN A REVOLUTIONARY WORLD, which grew out of the Godkin lectures which I delivered at Harvard in April. I hope you may have an opportunity to read it as I believe it is highly pertinent to some of these questions.

With my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Chester Bowles

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